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SRI G. LATCHANNA :—" Sir, may I know whether the Government have given any information regarding this matter to Mr. Justice Wanchoo, though not by way of recommendation? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" On which matter please, because there are ever so many matters involved in the question."

Separation of the Judiciary and the Executive.

* 2 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state whether the Government have considered the recommendations of the Committee appointed by the Government to examine the working of the scheme of Separation of Judiciary and the Executive and, if so, whether any decisions have been taken?

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" The recommendations of the Committee are being examined by Government; some decisions have been taken which are matters of administrative detail."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" May I know, Sir, whether the recommendations are generally in favour of the extension of the scheme to the remaining districts? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" The scope of enquiry of the Committee does not cover that issue."

Censoring of postal letters.

* 3 *Q.*—SRI M. VEERABHADRAM : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have instructed the Police to censor letters sent by post; and

(*b*) if so, whose letters are subjected to Police censorship and for what reasons?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM (on behalf of the Hon. the Chief Minister) :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The Government regret they have to decline to answer the question in the public interest."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" Sir, as this is a matter which affects the individual liberty of every citizen, I demand of the Government to answer this question straight? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I have already given the answer."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" I should like to ask you, Sir, to permit us to have a half-hour debate on this subject in view of the unsatisfactory nature of the answer given by the Government."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member will have an opportunity tomorrow of discussing this matter during the debate on the Governor's Address."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" But this is a matter which has arisen only just now, Sir, and this is a specific question."

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MR. SPEAKER :—" I do not see the necessity for a half-hour debate to-day, especially when the hon. Member has another opportunity of discussing the matter. Again there is also the further opportunity in a few days when the Budget will be presented to the House and discussed for five days."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" That relates to questions raised in the Assembly and unsatisfactory answers given by the Government. Such questions can be taken up at any time. But when the Government decline to answer on an important matter affecting the liberty of the individual, it is really a serious question. I, therefore, submit that a half-hour debate is very necessary."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I feel sorry that the hon. Leader of the Opposition should make a demand for a half-hour debate today and I do not understand the necessity for it, especially when, as I have already stated, there are plenty of opportunities for the hon. Leader of the Opposition and the House to discuss the matter."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" అధ్యక్షా, ఇది చాలా ముఖ్యమైనటువంటి ప్రశ్న. దీనికి సమాధాన మివ్వడానికి ప్రభుత్వం నిరాకరిస్తున్నది. ఈ ప్రశ్నకు సమాధాన మివ్వవలసినదిగా ప్రభుత్వంవారిని, అధ్యక్షులైన మీరు ఒత్తిడిచేయాలని కోరుచున్నాను."

MR. SPEAKER :—" As far as the Chair is concerned, it has nothing to do with the method of answering questions."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" ప్రశ్నలకు మంత్రులు ఏదో విధమైన సమాధాన మివ్వవచ్చుకాని public interest లో సమాధానం ఇవ్వం అని నిరాకరించడం సమంజసంకాదు. ఈ విషయాన్ని అధ్యక్షులవారు ప్రభుత్వం వారి దృష్టికి తీసుకొని రావలసినదిగా కోరుతున్నాను."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member is thoroughly wrong; the Chair has nothing to do with the method of answering questions by the Government."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" నేను చెప్పేదానిని translate చేయించుకుంటే తమకు అర్థమౌతుంది. ఈ ప్రశ్నను మీరు admit చేశారు. దానిని మంత్రిగారికి పంపారు. ఈ రోజున సమాధానమివ్వాలని ప్రశ్నల జాబితాలో చేర్చారు. ఇప్పుడు మంత్రిగారు దీనికి సమాదాన మివ్వ నిరాకరిస్తున్నారు. ఈ అవకాశాన్ని ప్రభుత్వంవారు దుర్వినియోగం చేస్తున్నారు. ఈ విధంగా తమ ruling ను ప్రభుత్వంవారు ధిక్కరిస్తున్నారు. అంతేకాక సభ్యులయొక్క privileges కు కూడా ఈ పద్ధతి భంగకరమైనటువంటిది. కాబట్టి ఈ ప్రశ్నకు సమాచానమిచ్చే బాధ్యత ఈ ప్రభుత్వం వారిమీద ఉన్నది."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I am afraid the hon. Member is making a speech now."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" I will translate what the hon. Member wants to say. The question has been admitted by the Hon. Speaker, I believe, after discussion with the Government also . . ."

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MR. SPEAKER :—" No, no. I do not consult the Government at all in regard to admission of questions."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" The point is, after you have admitted the question, for the Government to come forward now and say that they will not even answer the queston is a matter involving the privilege of the members of the House."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The Government can refuse to answer questions on the ground that it will be against public interest to do so."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" Therefore, Sir, Comrade Venkateswarlu seeks the protection of the Chair to force the Government to answer the question."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The Chair cannot interfere in the matter."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" Sir, this is not the first instance when the Government have given an answer of this kind. The Government had declined to answer questions but on other grounds. This time they decline to answer the question in public interest. It is not so, but it is a matter involving the question of privilege of the House and I therefore support Mr. Ramamurthi in his demand for a half-hour debate."

MR. SPEAKER :—" This does not come under ' Privilege of the House '."

Relief shops in Kavali taluk.

* 4 *Q*.—SRI B. RAMAKRISHNA REDDI : Will the Hon.
8-40 a.m. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have taken any action to renew the relief shops in Kavali taluk, Nellore district;

(*b*) if so, how many shops were opened and in what places; and

(*c*) whether it is a fact that rice is sold at 12½ annas per seer in the relief shops?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) 31 fair price shops have been opened, 14 in Kavali Town, 2 each in Bitragunta and Zalandanki and one each in Bhogole, Kakuturu, Gattupalli, Kesavaram, Siddanakōndur, Polempad, Kaligiri, Kudumuladinnepad, Tellapad, Settipalem, Chintaladevi, Yepindpi and Kommi.

" (*c*) The answer is in the negative."

SRI B. SANKARAYYA :—" ఈ relief shops లో ఇచ్చేటటువంటి బియ్యం ధరలు బయట మార్కెట్ ధరలకన్న ఎక్కువగా ఉన్నవని చెప్పి కలెక్టర్ గారికి ప్రభుత్వంవారికి ఇదివరకే తెలియజేశాము. అయినప్పటికీ ధరలు తగ్గించలేదు. యీ విషయాన్ని మరల మంత్రిగారికి కట్టెరుకు తెలియజేసుకున్నాము. ఇప్పుడైనా ధరలు తగ్గించారో లేదో తెలియజేయ వలసినదని కోరుచున్నాను?"